



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:)
IRVING LYON)
SERIAL NO.: 10/618,385)
FILED: July 11, 2003)
TITLE: DETERMINATION OF MULTI-) GROUP ART UNIT NO. 1743
VALENT METAL)
CONTAMINATION AND)
SYSTEM FOR REMOVAL OF)
MULTI-VALENT METAL)
CONTAMINANTS FROM WATER)
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STATUS INQUIRY

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Sir:

The applicant in the above-identified application hereby again inquires as to the status of this application. This application was filed in July 11, 2003. Since that time, there has been no Official Office Action.


The applicant has attempted, on a few occasions, to contact the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in order to determine the status of this application. On each occasion, the party contacted advised that the application was assigned to Examiner Siefke, but that no further information was available. The applicant is

concerned over the substantial delay in the prosecution of this application and would appreciate being advised as to the date when a first Official Office Action can be anticipated.

A duplicate copy of this letter is being submitted for the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to indicate the status of this application.

Dated: May 8, 2006

Respectfully submitted,


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